Ruby's .38 turned over to House panel by Mattox

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WASHINGTON — Jack Ruby's .38 caliber Colt Cobra was turned over to the House Assassinations Committee Tuesday by Rep. Jim Mattox, D-Dallas.

Mattox said he received the gun in Dallas Sunday from Jules F. Mayer, executor of the Ruby estate, who had declined to turn it over directly to the committee.

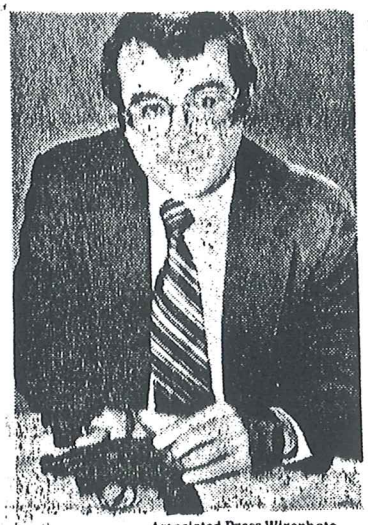
He quoted Mayer as saying that he trusted Mattox with possession, but, "I don't trust any of those guys up there."

Mattox said he received assurances in writing that the weapon would be returned undamaged to Mayer. The congressmen went to the committee late Tuesday after hearings on the King assassination.

"The purpose is to check out any linkage between Ruby and the gun to anything else," Mattox said. "There have been all kinds of rumors about conspiracies with the Dallas Police Department, the FBI and the district attorney's office."

Mattox said that although he has not supported the committee activity, "If they are going to do it I want a thorough investigation."

He added that he learned from Mayer that although the longtime Dallas attorney was one of the first persons Ruby talked with after the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald and had visited Ruby in jail, the Warren Commission did not question him.



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Rep. Jim Mattox . . . holds the pistol that Jack Ruby used to kill Lee Harvey Oswald.

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Flynt Says He'll Print Names of Four Involved in JFK Death

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Hustler Magazine will identify four persons said to be involved in former President John F. Kennedy's assassination and pay informants who provided the information $1 million, says magazine owner Larry Flynt.

One of the four persons involved in the assassination still is alive, Flynt said yesterday. He said Lee Harvey Oswald was another of the four and "was meant to be the fall guy.

"We got vital information from more than one person," he said, as a result of a $1 million reward offer. The reward will be paid around the first of the year and will be divided among more than one person, Flynt said. He would not name the informants, but said he would when the payments are made.

The information will be published in a series in October, November and December, he said.

"It's going to surprise a lot of people," Flynt said.

He said he had given the information to the FBI, CIA and House Assassinations Committee.